

MINUTES

OF THE

..LEBANON.. BAPTIST ASSOCIATION



TWENTY-EIGHTH ANNUAL SESSION.

ORAL BAPTIST CHURCH.

SEPTEMBER 6 AND 7, 1921.



Next Meeting to be Held with Good Hope Church,
Three Miles West of Purvis, on Tuesday after First
Sunday in September, 1922, at 10 o'clock a.m.

Officers of Association.

M. P. L. Love, Moderator	Hattiesburg, Miss.
M. J. Derrick, Clerk	Hattiesburg, Miss.
T. S. Jackson, Treasurer	Hattiesburg, Miss.

Ordained Ministers.

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Jno. Broadus	Purvis, Miss.
H. Bruce	Hattiesburg, Miss., R. 6
R. N. Davis	Perkinston, Miss.
J. E. Davis	Rawls Springs, Miss.
M. J. Derrick	Hattiesburg, Miss.
T. S. Entrikin	Purvis, Miss.
W. E. Fair	Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. M. Gibbs	Purvis, Miss.
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G. P. Harris	Hattiesburg, Miss., R. 5
B. S. Hilburn	Sumrall, Miss.
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W. M. Jones	Hattiesburg, Miss.
R. G. Joiner	Estabuchie, Miss.
T. C. King	Purvis, Miss.
J. L. Lee	Purvis, Miss.
R. J. Loper	Rawls Springs, Miss.
J. N. McMillin	Hattiesburg, Miss.
R. C. Murry	Sumrall, Miss.
E. S. P'Pool	Hattiesburg, Miss.
R. L. Saucier	Hattiesburg, Miss., R. 2
A. A. Scruggs	Hattiesburg, Miss.
John F. Starns	Purvis, Miss.
J. N. Thompson	Hattiesburg, Miss.
A. L. O'Briant	Hattiesburg, Miss.
J. C. Wells	Perkinston, Miss.
J. L. Wilson	Rawls Springs, Miss.
J. E. Wills	Hattiesburg, Miss.
W. F. Yarborough	Hattiesburg, Miss.

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Constitution.

Article 1. The name of this Association shall be the Lebanon Baptist Association.

Art 2. The Officers of this Association shall be a Moderator, a Clerk and a Treasurer. They shall be elected annually by ballot and hold their offices until their successors are elected.

Art. 3. The object of this Association shall be the promotion of the Redeemer's kingdom by the concentration of Christian labor, inculcation of Bible truth, and the cultivation of friendly intercourse among churches.

Art. 4. Members of the Association may be of two classes, viz: delegates and messengers, who shall produce evidence of their appointment by the churches which they propose to represent, before being entitled to seats. Only delegates shall have the right to vote.

Art. 5. Each church belonging to the Association shall be entitled to two delegates until its members shall exceed fifty, and one additional delegate for each additional fifty or fractional part thereof; provided, that ministers who are members of such churches, but supply other pulpits, may be appointed as additional delegates to the regular quota.

Art. 6. This Association shall only have the power of an advisory council and shall in no wise infringe upon the rights of independence of the churches.

Art. 7. No queries shall be considered by the Association unless regularly sent up through the churches, and such queries shall embrace only questions of doctrines.

Art. 8. The Association shall meet annually as may be agreed upon, and after enrolling the names of the delegates, proceed by ballot to the election of a Moderator, a Clerk and Treasurer.

Art. 9. The duties of the various officers of the Association shall be similar to those of all deliberative bodies, and Mell's Parliamentary Manual shall be the basis of decisions of order.

Art. 10. The Churches holding the Articles of Faith adopted by this body, may become members of this Association by a unanimous vote, and letters of dismission may be obtained without assigning a reason therefor, by the concurrence of a majority present, while the Association retains the right of withdrawing from such churches as it shall deem heterodox or disorderly.

Art. 11. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any annual meeting of the Association by a three-fourths vote of the delegates present.

ARTICLES OF FAITH.

1. We believe in one God, the Father, the Son and the Holy Ghost—equal in power and glory.

2. We believe that the Scriptures of the Old Testament and the New were written by the inspiration of God, and are the only rule of faith and practice.

3. We believe in the doctrine of original sin, of total depravity and man's inability to restore himself to the favor of God.

4. We believe that God chose His people, in Christ, before the foundation of the world, and that they are kept by the power of God through faith unto salvation ready to be revealed in the last time.

5. We believe that sinners are justified in the sight of God only by the undisputed righteousness of Christ.

6. We believe that the Gospel is God's appointed means of calling sinners to the knowledge of the Truth; and as He has commanded it to be preached to every creature, all are required to obey.

7. We believe that good works are the fruit of faith, and the only evidence of justification; and that all believers will abound therein from a principle of love.

8. We believe in the resurrection of the dead, the just and the unjust, and the general judgment, and that the joys of the righteous and the punishment of the wicked will be eternal.

9. We believe that a visible church of Christ is composed of baptized believers only, who are covenanted to keep up a discipline agreeable to the rules of the New Testament Scriptures.

10. We believe that Jesus Christ is the only lawgiver of His church and that the government is with the church, each member having equal rights therein.

11. We believe that Baptism and the Lord's Supper are the only ordinances of the Church, and are to be continued until the second coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.

12. We believe that immersion only is Baptism, and can be administered only by those duly authorized by the church, and that only believers in Christ are the proper subjects of the ordinance.

13. We believe that regularly Baptized believers only have a right to partake of the Lord's Supper.

RULES OF DECORUM.

1. All meetings of the Association shall be opened with prayer and closed with prayer and benediction.

2. The first order of business shall be the calling of the roll of the churches composing the same and the enrollment of delegates representing them.

3. No delegates can be enrolled until they furnish evidence in writing from the church which they propose to represent, which shall be submitted to the Clerk.

4. No business shall be discussed by the body unless it shall have been brought up before it by a motion sustained by a second.

6. The Moderator may correct any speaker for misquotation, personal reflection, or indiscreet language.

7. Any member feeling himself aggrieved by the ruling of the Moderator may appeal to the Association, when if it is sustained by a two-thirds vote, the Moderator's ruling shall be reversed.

8. All members shall use the term "Brother" when addressing or speaking to each other; and one failing to observe this rule shall subject him himself to a reprimand by the Moderator.

9. Any or all of the rules may be altered or amended at any regular meeting by a two-thirds majority vote.

FIRST DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

The Lebanon Association convened in its twenty-eighth annual session on September 6th, 1921, at 2 P. M., with the Oral Baptist Church.

Devotional exercises were conducted by J. E. Wills, who read the Third Chapter of 1st Corinthians. T. S. Entrikin lead in prayer.

Letters were called for from the churches, and the roll of messengers was called. On motion, all messengers who answered to their names and all other accredited messengers arriving later were to constitute the official roll.

THE LIST OF CHURCHES AND MESSENGERS.

1. Those who were represented by mesengers:

Big Level—Wesley Miles, A. R. Hatten, Van Hatten.

Eastabuchie—R. G. Joiner.

Calvary—J. E. Byrd, W. W. Byrd, E. S. Mullens.

Good Hope—A. L. Saucier, J. F. Starns, T. S. Entrikin.

Greens Creek—J. M. Balow, J. W. Camp, T. C. Camp, E. W. Chatham

Hickory Grove—J. E. Merrill, Mrs. J. E. Merrell, W. M. Burch, Mrs. A. B. Sumrall.

Hattiesburg, First—Dr. W. F. Yarborough, E. G. Hightower, H. L. McCleskey, J. H. Wright, Mrs. E. N. Pack, Mrs. J. W. Champlin, Mrs. Charles E. Harris, Mrs. W. F. Yarborough, Mrs. Lucy Williams.

Hattiesburg, Main Street—M. P. L. Love, T. D. Davis, T. S. Jackson, Rev. J. E. Wills, Mrs. R. B. Stapleton, Monroe Smith, Mrs. Monroe Smith, Fred Eure, G. P. Smith, Mrs. T. M. Crawford.

Hattiesburg, Immanuel—Rev. W. S. Allen, Dr. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. J. L. Johnson, Mrs. A. L. O'Bryant, Mrs. R. D. Batson, W. B. Dickerson.

Hattiesburg, Fifth Avenue—Rev. M. J. Derrick, Mrs. M. J. Derrick, W. W. Tatum, Mrs. J. E. Davis, Mrs. V. M. Morgan, Miss Virginia Caperton.

Lumberton—Rev. J. N. Miller, R. J. Watts, M. E. McLain, Mrs. Henry Freeman.

McLaurin—J. W. Estes, Miss Bonnie Hall, Miss Willie May Estes.

Macedonia—Rev. J. M. Parker, N. Milsted, Inman Merritt.

Pierce's Creek—T. C. Smiles, W. I. Martin.

Purvis—Rev. W. B. Holcomb, J. M. Lee, Rev. J. M. Gibbs.

Perkinston—Rev. R. N. Davis.

Petal—S. P. Carter, Rev. H. Bruce, J. A. Brogan, Miss Clara Bruce, Miss Marie Grantham.

Richburg—W. Wells, J. T. Giles, F. N. P. Hatton.

Red Hill—J. E. Pearce, Homer Breland, Miss Kennie Pearce.

Sumrall—C. C. Rowell, Mrs. B. M. Myers, B. M. Myers, Mrs. Emma Ivison, Mrs. Bruce Hilburn.

Oral—Virgil Fillingame, Frank Graham, H. L. Aultman, J. M. Clinton.

Wiggins—Rev. J. E. Barnett, L. A. Krolin, S. C. Culpepper, Burin Broadus, Peter Lott.

Zion Hill—Jno. L. Davis, B. R. Ott, W. H. Lindsay, Grady Snowden, W. T. Snowden.

2. Those represented by Letter:
Brooklyn.

Helena.
Baxterville.
Bond.

3. Those not represented in any way:
Red Creek.

4. New Churches:

Clyde—J. M. Jones, F. L. Rawls, John Bramlett.

Corinth—Jno. Anderson, J. A. Courtney, J. M. Vass.

Central—Wm. Anderson, J. B. Davis, Lamar Jackson.

The Association being organized, went into the election of officers. The former Moderator, M. P. L. Love, was unanimously re-elected. The former Clerk, J. L. Johnson, declining re-election, M. J. Derrick was elected Clerk. The former Treasurer, W. S. Allen, requesting to be relieved, T. S. Jackson was elected Treasurer.

The following Petitionary Letters were presented, and received into membership of the Association; Corinth Church, Central Church at Rawls Springs, and the Clyde Church. Their messengers were received and given the right hand of fellowship.

The following visitors were received: Dr. P. I. Lipsey, of the Baptist Record and State Mission Board; L. E. Lightsey, our valuable Colporteur; Brother Forest Neal Pack; Professor George Hurst of the State Normal College.

The order of business was read by M. J. Derrick.

On motion, Dr. P. I. Lipsey was to be heard on our State Work at 3:30 P. M.

Report on B. Y. P. U. was read by William Pack, which, after being discussed by A. L. O'Briant, L. S. Lightsey, W. F. Yarborough, J. E. Willis and J. N. Gibbs, was adopted:

REPORT ON B. Y. P. U. WORK.

An efficient church member is a member who zealously attends all services of his church; prays both in private and public; reads his Bible; puts into the Lord's treasury at least one-tenth of what the Lord puts into his treasury; is hospitable and cordial; is willing to teach a Sunday School class, lead the prayer meeting or serve on a committee if called on; concerns himself about the lost, and is interested in the training and development of the saved.

The efficient B. Y. P. U. discovers, develops and delivers to the church just such members; therefore the need not only of a B. Y. P. U. in every church but an efficient B. Y. P. U. in every church.

Our Program is therefore two-fold:

1. To organize as many B. Y. P. U.'s as possible.
2. To develop the Union to the point of efficiency, the first step being to teach to the Union the B. Y. P. U. Manual.

Our Plan is:

1. To organize every county and have an annual County B. Y. P. U. Convention. Divide the county into two or more groups of churches, with a vice-president of the convention in each group, whose job it shall be to organize a B. Y. P. U. in every church in his group, and to see that the Manual is taught to each union organized.

2. To hold in each of the six Missionary Districts of the state an annual District B. Y. P. U. Convention. In June, this year, these six district conventions were held for the first time, resulting

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in a total attendance of 1000, half of whom had never before been in a convention. 125 B. Y. P. U.'s sent representatives from 56 counties. Permanent organizations were formed in each district with necessary officers to promote the work.

Our Progress—100% Increase:

Last year about 250 unions were reported in the state. About 200 unions have been organized during the year which gives us a total of 450, with perhaps enough unreported to bring the number to 500. We ought to have 750 to report by the closing of another year.

Awards—In Study Course Books::

We find the B. Y. P. U.'s more in earnest than ever before, and they are studying our B. Y. P. U. Study Course Books. We have in the course, for seniors, The New B. Y. P. U. Manual, Training in Church Membership, Training in the Baptist Spirit, Training in Christian Service, and Training in Stewardship. For Juniors, the Junior Manual, and Studying for Service. More than 1000 awards have been given this year in Mississippi for the completion of some one of these books.

A-1 Unions:

Our list of A-1 Unions is growing, reaching thirty-five during the year, about equally divided between juniors and seniors. We have about half dozen unions 100% in Bible Readings and twenty or more 100% in giving.

For Information:

Any B. Y. P. U. can and ought to write to our State Secretary, Mr. Auber J. Wilds, Oxford, Miss

WILLIAM PACK, Chairman.

On motion of J. N. Miller, the Moderator was instructed to appoint a committee on B. Y. P. U. Extension: Gains Hightower, Chester M. Mullin, R. J. Watts, Inman Merritt, E. W. Chatham, A. C. Parker, Bruce Milburn, A. L. Saucier, J. M. Gibbs.

The hour having arrived for Dr. Lipsey to speak, the Association heard him with a great deal of pleasure and profit on "Religion For Hard Times."

The Moderator read the following list of committees:

COMMITTEES.

B. Y. P. U.—Wm. Pack.
Orphanage—J. M. Gibbs, J. E. Byrd, E. W. Chatham.
Hospitals—M. J. Derrick, J. M. Balew, J. T. Giles.
State Missions—A. L. O'Briant, J. W. Camp, J. E. Merrell.
Home Missions—J. N. Miller, A. L. Saucier, W. D. Snowden.
Foreign Missions—J. E. Wills, W. B. Dickerson, H. Bruce.
Christian Education—A. C. Parker, J. E. Pearce, J. W. Estes.
Woman's Work—Mrs. Bruce Hilburn, Mrs. A. L. O'Briant, Mrs. J. M. Champlin.
Sunday Schools—W. Wells, Grady McCardle.
Law and Order—G. Hightower, H. Bruce, John F. Starns.
Layman's Work—G. P. Smith, W. M. Burch, R. J. Watts.
Publications—T. D. Davis, J. M. Parker, B. R. Ott.
Survey of Churches—H. L. McCleskey, Virgil Fillingame, Wesley Miles.
Progress of 75 Million Campaign—W. S. Allen, S. P. Carter, Jno. Davis.

Nominations—W. F. Yarborough, A. L. O'Briant, J. L. Johnson, Homer Breland, R. G. Joiner.

Resolutions—Jno. F. Starns, A. A. Bryant, R. N. Davis, D. A. Hogan, J. E. Barnett.

Local Committee on Entertainment made its report of homes. Association adjourned till 7:30 P. M.

EVENING SESSION.

Association assembled at 7:30 o'clock, as per adjournment, to hear the Associational Sermon. After singing several songs, and prayer by R. N. Davis, Dr. W. F. Yarborough preached a very strong and helpful sermon from 2 Cor. 5:19: "And hath committed unto us the word of reconciliation." Prayer was led by M. J. Derrick. After singing "The King's Business," the Association was adjourned with prayer by J. M. Gibbs.

SECOND DAY—MORNING SESSION.

The Association was called to order Wednesday morning, at 9 o'clock, by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by J. N. Miller. "Come Thou Fount" was sung. The Moderator led in prayer. Brother Miller read Psalm 121 and made a few timely remarks.

Report on Orphanage was read by J. M. Gibbs. After discussion by J. M. Gibbs, E. W. Chatham, M. P. L. Love, J. E. Wills, J. N. Miller, was adopted. A cash offering of \$25.79 was made.

REPORT ON ORPHANAGE.

We rejoice in the good report from our orphanage at Jackson, Miss. It is now in its 25th year and has cared for during this time about one thousand children, many of whom have grown into manhood and womanhood, and are now filling place of usefulness in homes of their own, many of them in offices, hospitals, machine shops, on the farm and in almost all vocations of life.

We learn from our Superintendent that the health of the children is fine, they have had not a death from sickness in four years, and are caring for an average of 150 children all the while. These children are gathered up from the most hopeless and unpromising surroundings and doctored, fed, and trained into useful men and women.

The boys are trained in agriculture, stock raising, dairying, truck growing, carpentry and machinery. The girls are trained in the art of cooking, sewing, washing, ironing, fancy work, and general housekeeping.

All the children have the advantage of a good school for eight months in the year under efficient teachers, and attend Sunday School and church every Sunday, those who are Christians are trained in Christian work in their own Senior, and Junior B. Y. P. U.'s. Our children are being fitted for useful Christian citizenship.

We commend our Orphanage and its splendid work to the hearts and benevolence of all our people and urge that during the month of November our people send to the Orphanage from our farms and stores corn, peas, molasses, canned goods of all kinds, clothing, stationery, pencils, tablets, pins, needles, combs, brushes, soap, towels, sheets, pillow cases, everything that is needed in the ordinary home.

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We learn also from our Superintendent that our Orphanage is in good financial condition and our children will continue to be amply provided for if our people will pay up their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign, but will suffer in proportion as we fall.

We urge that our people pay their pledges to the campaign and let the Orphanage and all the work of the Kingdom go forward to the good of humanity and the glory of our Master.

Respectfully submitted,

E. W. CHATHAM.

J. M. GIBBS.

M. J. Derrick presented the report on Hospitals, which was discussed by M. J. Derrick, J. H. Wright, W. F. Yarborough, and adopted.

REPORT ON BAPTIST HOSPITALS.

There is no more Scriptural authority for any work we do than for healing and caring for the sick. Jesus set the example (Matt. 4:23): "Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, and preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing all manner of sickness, and all manner of disease among the people." Then, we have His command (Luke 9:23): "To preach the kingdom of God, and to heal the sick." Again, the hospital idea of caring for the sick is taught in the case of the "Good Samaritan." (Luke 10:30-35).

Baptists made a long step forward, when they heard the command of the Savior, "Heal the sick." In nothing do we more glorify the Master: neither does any thing give us a better hold on the people. We now have hospitals all over this Southland and in our mission fields. Mississippi Baptists are responsible with others for two Southwide institutions, the Tubercular Hospital at El Paso and the new Hospital authorized by the last convention, to be built in New Orleans. We are interested in the Tri-State Hospital at Memphis. We are solely responsible for our Hospital in Jackson.

The Jackson Hospital.

The past year, ending August 1, has been a very good year. We treated 1,107 patients; 161 were charity patients. The amount of charity done for the year was \$5,283.90. There are 18 girls in the nurses' training school; four have graduated in the last year.

The hospital opened for service in 1910 with eight or ten beds in the old wooden building on North State Street. In 1914 the demand was so great that a brick structure was erected on the same site with 35 beds. The demand continued to increase until it became urgent that we enlarge again. We have just finished an addition of 12 rooms, which gives us a capacity of 50 beds. The third floor is unfinished, which when completed will give us 65 beds. We have not the money with which to complete the work, but hope to be able to complete by January 1st, 1922.

Our hospital has never had an X-ray outfit, consequently has suffered greatly. It has been embarrassing to the management to have patients carried from our hospital to others for X-ray service, and we are sure we have lost patients on this account. We hope to have the X-ray department completed within the next 90 days.

The Baptist Memorial Hospital.

Under the superintendency of Dr. W. R. Bethea, since November 1st, 1920, has been a prosperous year. The new wing has been brought almost to completion. The new operating rooms, X-ray department, and Laboratories, have been in use since January. The semi-private rooms are in use, giving patients who desire reduced rates, a rate of \$2 per day and up. The new dining room and kitchen are complete. The Nurses' Home lacks \$25,000.00 of being completed.

Since the 75 Million Fund was subscribed, the Executive Board of the Tennessee Convention has paid the hospital \$125,000.00, and the Memphis subscribers have paid \$147,000.00.

The patronage keeps up to the full. Since the opening, July, 1912, 45,100 patients have been treated. During 1920 there were admitted 7,619. The six months ending June 30, 3,836. Of these 692 were from Mississippi. 474 were treated free in the charity wards, 75 of these were from Mississippi. During 1920 over \$51,000.00 was expended in charity. The complimentary service rendered preachers and their dependents during the last 10 months has been \$400.00.

The Training School for Nurses graduated a class of 18 this year, eight from Mississippi. There are about 75 pupils in training. The Baptists, owning and operating these hospitals, may well rejoice in the work they are doing for the relief of the sick and the promotion of the Master's Kingdom. It should be a joy to meet the subscriptions made to do this gracious work in our hospitals.

M. J. DERRICK,

J. M. BELEW,

J. T. GILES.

The Moderator appointed a committee on "Law and Order." The report on State Missions was read by A. L. O'Briant. After being discussed by A. L. O'Briant and M. P. L. Love, was adopted.

REPORT ON STATE MISSIONS.

Our State Mission Work is divided into departments. It was laid out for 1921 on the basis of \$129,000.

1. **Church Extensions.**—We are assisting 154 churches to pay their pastors and the building of 31 church houses. For church buildings we are using \$19,857.74. For pastoral support \$36,667. It is gratifying to see the faith and determination in building and rebuilding these churches.

2. **Enlistment and Associational Work.**—We have six general enlistment men in the field and 21 missionaries. The board appropriated \$50,000 for this work.

3. **Preachers—Schools.**—There were 26 schools in the State largely supported by the State Mission Board. The board paid the expenses of 23 fourth time preachers for 24 days in the Bible school in New Orleans.

4. **Evangelistic Campaign.**—The results are gratifying. We had a great school of evangelism in Clinton for four days, where 175 preachers came. Nearly all of the 1600 churches have enlisted for evangelistic services and reported in August 10, 4,735 additions for the year.

5. **Sunday Schools and B. Y. P. U. Work.**—An appropriation of \$13,600 was made for this work. Brother Auber Wilds of Oxford is

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Secretary of B. Y. P. U. Work. Brother J. E. Byrd is Sunday School Secretary. Numbers of seals and diplomas have been given. Over 6000 in all. Mississippi is leading in work done. There were six permanent organizations formed. Over 1,000 rewards have been given.

6. **W. M. U. Work.**—There are 706 Missionary Societies and 433 Auxiliaries. Over 1300 certificates have been given. They have given exclusive of the 75 Million, \$57,948.57.

7. **Publications.**—The Baptist Record has a circulation of nearly 13,000. Let us put it into every Baptist home. Let us patronize our Book Store in Jackson. Thousands of tracts have been distributed. The circulating Library is reaching many readers:

8. **75 Million Campaign.**—We have received in the last twelve months \$485,388.41, distributed as follows:

Foreign Missions	\$123,744.04
Home Missions	77,662.15
State Missions	92,223.80
General Objects	8,736.99
Ministerial Relief	6,795.44
Hospitals	25,725.99
South-Wide Objects	19,415.53
Christian Education	116,493.22
Orphanage	14,561.65

The entire campaign expenses are right at 5%. This can be reduced by all paying their pledges to the 75 Million Campaign.

9. **Recommendations.**—1. That an earnest, vigorous campaign be put on by the churches during the months of October and November, for the collection of outstanding pledges. 2. That our churches enlist every Baptist family in subscribing and reading the Baptist Record. 3. That all our churches do their best to become self-supporting. 4. That each Association accept its quota of teachers, consisting of one-sixth of its membership, and enlist these during November. 5. That the executive committee of no association approve any application to the State Board for help until an every member canvass of its membership shall have been made. 6. That all of the churches strive to unite all of their forces in carrying out a uniform denomination program.

(Signed) A. L. O'BRIANT.

The report on Home Missions was read by J. N. Miller. M. J. Derrick (by request of the chairman) spoke instead. Discussed by W. F. Yarborough, Al. O'Briant, and adopted.

REPORT ON HOME MISSIONS.

The Home Missions Board is one of the departments of our denominational organization that traces its origin directly to Christ's commission. It has assumed gracefully its share of the responsibility of spreading the gospel, and the results of its efforts have been entirely satisfactory to all who have watched its movements. It stands midway in the commission, taking Judea and Samaria as its allotted task, but it reaches back, lends a helping hand to Jerusalem and at the same time pushes on out until the uttermost parts are touched and helped because of its life and interest. Through the Home Board the remotest sections of Southern Baptist territory are helped. In many rural communities it is

building churches where without its aid the organization would be helpless. Through its teachers, missionaries, evangelists and enlistment men information and encouragement are carried and new life is springing up where ever they go.

These men and women are teaching and preaching a world-wide gospel, and as a result a missionary conscience is being awakened, and men and money are finding their way into every phases of our denominational life. A glance at our mountain schools and what they promise will illustrate what our Home Board is doing and will do. These schools are thirty-seven in number with a student body of 6183, 173 of which are ministerial students. All things being equal we feel sure that in just a few years these mountain preachers, products of the Home Board, will find their way into every department of our church life and the sun will never set on them as they function for the Master.

That our Home Mission Board has before it a great task all will agree. Mr. R. H. Edwards says: "The forces of evil are at work in the south, apparently with greater energy than ever before in human history. God's call today is to the forces of the righteous to uplift the banner of the Cross and carry it forward, with quickening energy, and with that zeal and self-sacrifice with which our soldiers offered their lives on the battlefields of France to save this country from the horrors which Belgium, France and Italy endured."

Home Missions is the agency through which we project the combined force of American Christianity on the spiritual destination of our own land. Therefore it becomes every loyal Baptist of the South to give his unqualified and wholehearted support now to the great work of our Home Mission Board. The time has come which was prophesied by General Grant, after the Civil War: "The time when the South must save the nation."

The Home Mission work of the Baptists and of every other denomination is infinitely more important since the World War than ever before. In these stressful times let no true Christian do less than his utmost through the support of Home Missions to bring the reign of Christ in the hearts of American people.

We commend our Board for its faith and vision in grappling with the stupendous tasks that now confront us and, in believing that our people will respond to such leadership. We recommend that constant prayers be made for the Board, for its Missionaries and for its work, and that we give it large support through our gifts to the 75-Million Campaign.

J. N. MILLER,
A. L. SAUCIER,
W. G. SNOWDEN.

The report on Foreign Missions was read by J. E. Wills. Discussed by J. E. Wills, A. L. O'Briant and W. S. Allen. After a prayer led by W. S. Allen for our missions and missionaries, and singing "Jesus Saves," the report was adopted.

REPORT ON FOREIGN MISSIONS.

Your Committee is glad to report a splendid year for the work of Foreign Missions. The receipts of the Foreign Mission Board have been comparatively large, and the funds have been carefully

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and prayerfully expended to the end that His Kingdom may come and His will be done throughout the whole earth as in Heaven.

The policy of the Board has been first to strengthen the whole line of forces in all the lands formerly occupied; and second, to push on out into new and hitherto unoccupied fields, looking forward to the day when the whole earth shall be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. In keeping with this policy our Board has endeavored to reinforce its many stations with new recruits and better equip its missionaries with essential buildings and institutions. It has also endeavored to wisely begin the stupendous task of occupying the various new fields that, by the Providence of God, have opened up to us.

The Fields.

For many years Southern Baptists have done mission work in China, Japan, Africa, Mexico, South America, and Italy. Since the close of the Great War we have seen the vision of need in, and heard the call for help from, many others of the war-stricken and battle-scarred countries of Europe and Asia. In obedience to this heavenly vision Southern Baptist Foreign Mission activities are to be extended to Spain, Jugo-Slavia, Hungaria, Roumania, Ukraine, Siberia, Palestine, and Syria. Henceforth we shall be virtually belting the globe with our missionary activity, and will be comprehending a population of near on to a billion people in our evangelizing efforts. This task is worthy of Southern Baptists and calls for a noble response of the spirit of Jesus within.

The Work.

The work in the Missions has gloriously gone forward in all sections of the far-flung battle line. The highest altitude in the number of baptisms was reached during the year with 6998 converts baptized. We now have 611 organized churches with a total membership of 59,438. These members are being constantly strengthened in the faith, and also carefully developed into active Christian workers themselves. They contributed last year an average of about five dollars per member to the cause. We have in these Missions 907 reported Sunday Schools with a enrollment of 41,727 scholars.

Another sector in the line is the work of publications. Thousands of copies of the Bible and millions of pages of Christian Tracts have been printed and sown down in the fertile soil of heathenism. No doubt some fell on stony ground, and some fell among thorns, but some, we know, fell on good ground and will bring forth its rich harvest in God's own good time.

Another sector in the line is the work of Christian Schools. We have 632 of these Mission Schools with an attendance of 22,866 students. Of these 284 are theological students. This is an increase over last year of 68 schools and 4352 students.

And still another factor that claims our attention is our Medical Missions. As Jesus went about healing the sick, giving sight to the blind and hearing to the deaf, so Christian Missions, walking in the footsteps of its Lord, is endeavoring to reach the diseased soul through its ministrations to the sickened body. Some of our most faithful and staunchest Christians are those who were born again in our Mission Hospitals. Last year over 154,707 treatments were

given and nearly that many homes were touched by the convincing evidence of a Divine Lord.

In these many stations we have 405 Missionaries and 978 native workers employed. And even now as I read, more than fifty more are on the high seas, sailing under orders of their Captain and Lord, going to take up the work unto which God has called them over there. They are gloriously going forward with the blood stained banner of Jesus Christ. They are planting upon the banks of all the rivers of earth the Tree of Life whose leaves are for the healing of the nations. They are looking to you and to me for their support. They are depending upon us for our prayers and for our sons and daughters to reinforce them when their lines have grown thin. May we not fail them, but likewise ourselves go forward in all our obligations to them amid our Lord.

Your Committee, therefore, would recommend that this Association earnestly urge that all of its churches bestir themselves to their utmost to meet their obligations to the 75 Million Fund; and also to earnestly pray for heaven's blessing upon our consecrated efforts to carry out the Commission of our risen Lord.

J. E. WILLS,

W. B. DICKERSON.

The report on Christian Education was presented by A. C. Parker. After being spoken to by A. C. Parker, J. L. Johnson and W. S. Allen, was adopted.

REPORT ON CHRISTIAN EDUCATION.

Baptists have always been pioneers in the field of education. Baptists have to educate. There is no alternative. Our doctrine, our church government, and our program make it imperative.

Mississippi Baptists have four colleges under their management and control, three senior colleges and one junior college. The three senior colleges are, Mississippi College, Clinton, for boys only; Mississippi Woman's College, Hattiesburg, for girls only; Blue Mountain College for girls at Blue Mountain; and our junior college, Clarke Memorial, at Newton, for boys and girls.

Mississippi College.

Mississippi College, session 1920-21, had 6 graduate students, 44 seniors, 59 juniors, 112 sophomores, 147 freshmen, 23 special students. We have 23 members of faculty, 250 students taking bible study, 95 ministerial students, 126 awards of Sunday school diplomas, 339 receiving seals. The college installed a new light and water plant; physical apparatus, \$1,500. Her needs are \$300,000 additional endowment; \$5,000 additional loan fund, and administration building and a gymnasium.

Mississippi Woman's College.

No. of students enrolled	about 500
No. of members of faculty, and officers	40
No. of students taking Bible study	476
No. of students taking Mission study courses	316
No. of students aided by scholarship fund	6
No. of students in preparatory department	about 100
No. of students in college classes	about 400
Improvements.—Splendid iron fence around campus, costing about \$6000. The building of a fine swimming pool. Purchase of	

eight new pianos, making a total of 30. Two new class rooms are now under construction where the intermediate and primary classes will be taken care of.

Urgent Needs.—1. A Hospital. 2. A Science and Music Hall.
3. A new dormitory.

Blue Mountain College.

No. of students enrolled	392
No. receiving literary diplomas	8
No. of members of faculty	32
No. receiving diplomas in special subjects	5
No. receiving certificates	9

Needs—Swimming Pool and Dormitory.

Clarke Memorial College.

No. of students enrolled	120
No. receiving certificates	11
No. of members of faculty and officers	10
No. taking Bible study	120
No. of ministerial students	33
Physical Improvements—	
Repair of building	\$7000
Laboratory equipment	350
Typewriters	140

Education Commission.

The Education Commission has received from the 75 Million Campaign from the beginning up to July 15, 1921, \$229,024.29. The distribution made to the colleges is as follows:

Mississippi College	\$70,198.80
Woman's College	94,089.02
Blue Mountain College	34,825.39
Clarke Memorial College	21,035.20

A. C. PARKER,

Clinton, Miss.

The report on Woman's Work was read by Mrs. Bruce Hilbun. It was discussed by L. E. Lightsey, W. S. Allen and W. F. Yarborough, and adopted.

ASSOCIATION REPORT ON WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION.

Your Committee submits the following report on Woman's Work:

The W. M. U. is composed of the following organizations: Women's Missionary Society, Young Women's Auxilliary, Girls' Auxilliary, Royal Ambassadors for Boys and Sunbeams for little folks.

The Union sets for itself five definite aims: Stewardship, Service, Study, Supplication and Soul-Winning.

Our women are learning that Stewardship involves far more than the meeting of our campaign pledges, church expenses or giving of any material substance. Yet these matters are being stressed as of very special importance; so much that while our first year was regarded as "Victory" year in the campaign and our second year as "Loyalty" year, this is looked upon as the "Sacrificial" year by the W. M. U. Our women are stressing the fact that

aside from the giving of money we must needs give time, strength and heart to needy lives and worthy causes.

Service of personal nature expends itself by the W. M. U. in the sending of boxes to Hospitals, Orphanages, Aged Ministers, and Ministerial Students; in the education of four young women in our Baptist Colleges, thus preparing them for lives of service; in the sending of eleven young women to our Training School to prepare for efficient work on the home or foreign field; and service among our young people is especially shown in the giving of books for foreign missionaries' libraries.

Study courses are being carried on as never before by the entire W. M. U. This is specially noted among our Young People's Organizations.

Supplication and Soul-Winning are twin aims, deeply set in the hearts and lives of our women who are longing to see the coming of the Kingdom; to see the Kingdom made ready for the return of the King.

We recommend:

1st. That each pastor in our Association be requested to organize in his churches each Branch of the W. M. U. wherever practicable, for the sole purpose of teaching missions.

2nd. That this Association plan for a missionary institute, embracing three days, in which will be taught missions to all our people.

MRS. E. N. PACK, Superintendent.
MRS. A. L. O'BRIAN,
MRS. JAMES CHAMPLAIN.

The report on Sunday Schools was read by W. Wells, and discussed by T. S. Entrikin. On account of a recommendation to organize a Forest County Baptist Sunday School Convention it was laid over till the afternoon session, when it was adopted.

REPORT ON SUNDAY SCHOOL WORK.

The Great Commission says make disciples, baptize them and then teach these baptized disciples to observe "all things whatsoever I have commanded you."

We would do well to begin our teaching with the baptized believers or church members, as the above scripture commands.

We would not in any way minimize the evangelistic opportunity in our Sunday Schools but we would emphasize the great need of enlisting and teaching the membership of all of our churches.

Perhaps the one outstanding need in our schools today is to reach the senior and adult departments. New emphasis is being given to these departments by having an "Organized Class Department," with a general secretary, who furnishes all the needed literature and such other information as will contribute to the enlargement of these departments.

The Sunday School Board has a department of "Sunday School Administration" which is doing a great service in more efficient organization of all of our schools.

In addition to our regular literature we call especially attention to the "Sunday School Builder" and the "Organized Class Magazine."

The following paragraphs deserve our most thoughtful consideration:

1. Our "church building movement" as fostered by Dr. Burroughs of the Sunday School Board. Many of our church houses need remodeling and many other congregations are planning to build new houses. We can never have great Sunday Schools nor efficient schools any way measuring up to their opportunities until we have houses adapted to modern Sunday School work.

2. We cannot too strongly emphasize the need of better trained teachers. The very purpose of a school is to teach and we can never have the highest type of teaching without equipped and trained teachers.

We earnestly request and urge our pastors, superintendents, and teachers to take interest in, plan for and attend County Sunday School Normals, conventions, especially our State S. S. and B. Y. P. U. Convention, and one of our summer assemblies.

As a means of extending our Sunday School work, your committee would recommend (1) the organization of County or Associational Sunday School Conventions; and (2) the extension of Sunday School work from our colleges and full-time churches.

Respectfully submitted,

M. WELLS.

The Association adjourned till 1:45 P. M. Led in prayer by J. E. Barnett.

SECOND DAY—AFTERNOON SESSION.

At 1:45 P. M. the Association was called together by the Moderator. Devotional exercises were conducted by T. S. Entrikin.

The report on Law and Order was presented by Gains Hightower. After a most interesting discussion by Gains Hightower, H. Bruce and the Moderator, it was adopted.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON LAW AND ORDER.

The demand for a committee and report on Law and Order is significant. It should give us pause when we consider that it is felt necessary for the Association to give time to this subject.

Law is established for the maintenance of that order which is so essential to the welfare and progress of society. We believe in law and order, and as a denomination we subscribe heartily to the scripture, "the powers that be" are ordained of God.

We deplore the present general trend away from respect of the law, and earnestly urge every individual Baptist to uphold the statutes, whatever may be the law's delays and imperfections. We condemn lynching, too horribly prevalent and barbaric. We condemn whiskey running and boot-legging in all its forms, and urge renewed zeal in the bitter fight for a dry community and nation. in modern dancing as a menace; in indiscriminate swimming and in modren dancing as a menace; in indiscriminate swimming and bathing; in prizefighting, in motion pictures as now conducted, in indiscriminate automobile riding. We caution against the too free use of the paroling and pardoning power in our state.

We urge every Baptist everywhere to stand and fight for the Bible, the pure, the honest and the right.

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. HIGHTOWER, Chairman.

H. BRUCE,

— ENTREKIN,

— AULTMAN,

— MARTIN.

Report on Layman's Work was read by R. J. Watts, for Chairman G. P. Smith. Discussed by M. P. L. Love, W. F. Yarborough, J. L. Johnson, and adopted.

REPORT ON LAYMEN'S WORK.

The Laymen's Missionary Movement appeals to laymen to give themselves faithfully to the advancement of the cause of Christ. It urges business men to pray daily, study diligently, plan wisely, serve zealously, and give generously in all the work of the kingdom. It pleads for more religion in business and more business in religion. It stresses the doctrine of Christian Stewardship, advocating that God holds a supreme claim on our time, talent, and substance. Its missionary ideal is expressed in these words: "It is the whole duty of the whole church to preach the whole gospel to the whole world."

The organization for the Laymen's Work in Mississippi consists of an Executive Committee of five strong laymen with headquarters at Jackson, and a county chairman of laymen's work in each county who is an ex-officio member of the State Committee. This organization seeks to find and develop dependable laymen in each church who will undertake to carry out in the church all plans and programs designed to enlist and develop the churches.

The interest and activity of our laymen in all the work of the kingdom have been greatly stimulated as a result of the 75-Million Campaign. Men are attending church services in larger numbers than ever before; large classes of men are found in nearly all of our Sunday Schools; capable laymen are taking a leading part in all our denominational programs.

The biggest thing before our laymen at this time is the campaign now on throughout the South for one-half million tithers. The plan provides for a State Steering Committee of seven members, composed of the Chairman of the Laymen's Committee of the State, Corresponding Secretary of the State Convention Board, Corresponding Secretary of the W. M. U., State Secretary of the B. Y. P. U., State Secretary of the S. S. Work, a representative pastor, and an enlistment missionary.

Each county will be organized along the same lines and the county organization will undertake to organize every church for securing a definite number of tithers. The plan provides for a round-up week including two Sundays from November 27 to December 4. Every church will be expected to secure a number of tithers equal to one-sixth of its membership. The quota for Mississippi is 30,000.

Your committee recommends that this association endorse the tithing campaign and undertake to secure a number of tithers equal to at least one-sixth of the total membership of the Association.

Respectfully submitted,

G. P. SMITH,

R. J. WATTS.

Report on Publications was presented by T. D. Davis, who made a very strong appeal for good literature. It was then adopted.

REPORT ON PUBLICATIONS.

People whose citizenship is in heaven will be loyal to the truth and work of the kingdom of heaven. To be loyal to it they must

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know about it. To know about it they must read of its progress from week to week in the denominational paper.

If we are to set our minds on things above we have to know the truth of God and watch the movement of the hosts of God as they seek to make the kingdoms of this world the kingdom of our Lord and of his Christ. They must have a part in it. But no man can have a part in it who does not familiarize himself with its movements.

If we are to comprehend with all saints the height and depth and length and breadth of God's grace and God's plan of work, we must have fellowship with these saints in a common task and a common inheritance of truth. This fellowship with the whole body of God's people is possible only through the medium of communication found in the religious paper.

If we are to think of the things that are true and honorable and just and pure and lovely and of good report, we must not be satisfied with stuffing our minds with the works of the devil as often portrayed in the secular press; we must know what God is doing and his saints are saying and undertaking.

If we are to be our brother's keeper we must not only read what is good ourselves, but get him to do likewise. The responsibility of the pastor and church for all the members will logically lead to putting the Baptist Record into every home. Our spiritual advancement and growth in ability to work, and interest in the work, will be measured by the subscription list of our Baptist Papers in the church and in the State.

We recommend two ways for getting the Baptist papers into the homes of our people.

1. Put the cost of the Baptist Record into the local church expense budget and send the paper to every home represented in the church.

2. Appoint a committee on religious literature whose duty it shall be to make a thorough canvass of the church membership at least once each year in an effort to secure subscriptions for the Baptist Record, Home and Foreign Fields, and Royal Service.

Respectfully submitted,

T. D. DAVIS,
J. M. PARKER,
B. R. OTT.

Report on Survey of the Churches was presented by H. L. McCleskey; discussed by himself as he presented the report. Adopted.

SURVEY OF THE CHURCHES.

We give here some findings in the report. Statistics will be found in statistical tables:

Membership last year, 4,218. Received for baptism this year, 430.

Home expenses, \$39,454.86. Denominational objects, \$29,223.05.

Four churches out of 25 make monthly payments on 75-Million Budget.

Four out of 25 have paid more on Denominational objects than for home uses.

Only two out of 25 have A-1 Sunday Schools.
Five reported no Sunday School.

Only 4 report any debt on property.

Fourteen report no B. Y. P. U.

Recommendations: (1) S. S. Convention to organize and develop Sunday Schools. (2) B. Y. P. U. Convention to organize and develop B. Y. P. U.'s. (3) Committee to encourage erection of family altars in each home.

PROGRESS OF 75-MILLION CAMPAIGN.

Report on Progress of 75-Million Campaign was made by W. S. Allen. This was a verbal report, but contained some very interesting facts. Mississippi had made splendid progress in the first 2½ years of the 5 year campaign. This Association is some short of her part. There were 50,000 more people baptized last year than in any previous year; the total number being over 175,000. A goodly number of brethren spoke very encouragingly of the outcome.

Report on Nominations was made by W. F. Yarborough, and received.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON NOMINATIONS.

Place of next meeting—Good Hope, 3 Miles West of Purvis.
Time—Tuesday after 1st Sunday in September, 1922, 10 a. m.

Sermon—J. E. Willis; alternate, J. N. Miller.

Executive Committee—W. S. Allen, J. M. Gibbs, A. Polk, G. M. McWilliams, D. O. Herod and the officers of the Association.

Representative Home Board—W. F. Yarborough.

Representative Foreign Board—W. S. Allen.

Representative State Board—M. J. Derrick.

Member of State Convention Board—(Term does not expire until next year) M. P. L. Love is member.

Messenger to Southern Baptist Convention—R. G. Joiner.

Your committee would recommend that the Executive Committee ascertain the expenses of our messenger to Southern Baptist Convention and apportion same among the churches.

W. F. YARBOROUGH,

A. L. O'BRIANT,

J. L. JOHNSON,

R. G. JOINER.

The Committee on Resolutions reported as follows:

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

We, the Committee on Resolutions, submit the following report:
That the most heartfelt thanks of this Association be tendered the Oral Baptist Church and the community for the splendid entertainment of this Association in the homes, and to the ladies for the most excellent dinners spread on the grounds.

JOHN F. STARNES,

R. N. DAVIS,

D. A. HOGAN.

The Treasurer's report for the past year was made by W. S. Allen. Also a partial report for the new Treasurer was made by W. S. Allen, the new Treasurer, Jackson, having been called away.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

Balance from last year	\$ 17.17
Received for Associational purposes this year	113.75
Received for Missions this year	62.10
	\$193.02

Expenditures.

State Mission Board for Missions	\$62.10
Hattiesburg American, for printing minutes	75.00
Stamps for mailing minutes	1.50
Dr. J. L. Johnson, for services as clerk	30.00
	\$168.60
Balance on hand	24.42

W. S. ALLEN, Treasurer.

On motion of A. L. O'Briant, the Clerk was allowed \$30.00 for his services. Also that a suitable number of the minutes be printed and distributed among the churches. Adopted.

A motion to print the proceedings of the W. M. U. meeting in the minutes of the Association was made and adopted.

Members of churches in Forrest County were requested to meet immediately upon adjournment, to consider matter of organizing a "Forrest County Sunday School Convention." Whereupon these brethren did meet and decided to meet at 3 o'clock p. m., on the 4th Sunday, at Green's Creek Church for the above named purpose.

The Association adjourned to meet with Good Hope Church, 3 miles west of Purvis, on Tuesday after the 1st Sunday in September, 1922, at ten o'clock a. m.

Adjourned with prayer by W. J. Pack.

M. P. L. LOVE, Moderator.

M. J. DERRICK, Clerk.

PROCEEDINGS OF THE WOMAN'S MISSIONARY UNION—1921.

The twenty-eighth annual meeting of the W. M. U. of Lebanon Baptist Association, was held with the Oral Church, Tuesday, September 6, 1921, with Mrs. E. N. Pack, Superintendent, in the chair. Mrs. J. Monroe Smith acted as Secretary in the absence of Mrs. G. M. McWilliams.

The following program was rendered:

Hymn, "The King's Business"; Prayer, Rev. M. J. Derrick; Watchword in Concert, (Phillipians, 4:13); Devotional, led by Mrs. Bruce Milbun; Appointment of Committees; Hymn; Young People's Work was ably discussed by Mrs. J. L. Johnson; Mission Study by Mrs. A. L. O'Briant. Prayer by Mrs. M. J. Derrick. Personal Service was discussed by Mrs. R. B. Stapleton; Hymn. Stewardship, discussed by Mrs. B. M. Myres; Survey of the Association by Mrs. E. N. Pack. Rev. L. E. Lightsey delivered a short address on "Literature," followed by prayer by Mrs. Chas. Purvis.

Meeting adjourned to meet at 2 p. m.

Meeting was opened with prayer by Mrs. T. B. Wright. After singing a hymn, "The State Policy" was discussed by Mrs. Jas. Champlain, Vice-President of the Fifth District.

Reports of Resolution, Obituary and Nominating Committees were read and adopted.

Mrs. Champlain spoke on the advantages there would be in naming the nameless churches.

On motion, meeting adjourned with prayer, to meet with Good Hope Church, on Tuesday after the first Sunday in September, 1922.

MRS. J. MONROE SMITH, Acting Secretary.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON RESOLUTIONS.

Resolved, That we, the W. M. U. meeting of the Labanon Association, extend our heartiest thanks to the Oral Baptist Church and community for their very cordial welcome, and hospitality. We further express our heartfelt appreciation to our officers for their faithful services; especially Mesdames Champlin and E. N. Pack. We very much regret that Mrs. A. L. O'Briant has seen fit to offer her resignation. We also, appreciate the presence and co-operation of our brethren.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. R. B. STAPLETON, Chairman,

MRS. CHAS. HARRIS,

MRS. M. J. DERRICK,

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE.

Superintendent, Mrs. E. N. Pack.

Assistant Superintendent, Mrs. Ward Hubbard.

Secretary-Treasurer, Mrs. J. Monroe Smith.

Young People's Leader, Mrs. Bruce Hilbun.

Mission Leader, Mrs. W. J. Cleveland.

Stewardship Leader, Mrs. B. M. Myres.

Personal Service Leader, Mrs. J. E. Barnett.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. J. L. JOHNSON, Chairman,

MRS. T. M. CRAWFORD,

MRS. T. B. WRIGHT,

MRS. B. M. MYRES.

REPORT OF COMMITTEE ON OBITUARIES.

When God, in His infinite wisdom, sees fit to remove from among us those whom He will, the human nature in us manifests itself in sorrow, but over this reigns the spiritual part of our being which rejoices in the hope of life eternal. Those of our number who are now citizens of the heavenly abode have only preceded us, and while we grieve over their absent faces, we appreciate their lives of service and cherish their memory, but find comfort in His word which says: "Blessed are the dead which die in the Lord, from henceforth, yea, saith the Spirit, that they may rest from their labors; and their works do follow them." (Rev. 14:13).

The following named sisters have passed to their reward since the last Association meeting: Mrs. T. A. Hightower and Mrs. R. F. Barton.

Therefore, be it resolved, That we extend to their families our heartfelt sympathy, and request that a copy of this report be incorporated in the minutes of our annual meeting.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. BRUCE MILBUN, Chairman,

MRS. A. L. O'BRIANT,

MRS. WARD HUBBARD Committee.

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Churches	Pastors	Postoffice	Clerks	Postoffice	Baptism	Letter or Reinstatement	Letter or Erasure	Death	Total Membership	Value of Church Property	Value of Pastor's Home
Baxterville	J. M. Gibbs	Purvis	A. A. Courtney	Baxterville	2	1	1		55	\$	
Big Level	J. C. Wells	Perkinson	J. G. McQuagg	Perkinson	13	5	7	1	97	1,600	
Brooklyn	J. N. McMillin	Hattiesburg	A. G. Martin	Brooklyn					150		
Bond	J. E. Barnett	Wiggins	W. H. Strocher	Bond	9	4	12				
Estabuchie	R. G. Joiner	Estabuchie	Miss T. Davis	Estabuchie							
Calvary	W. S. Allen	Hattiesburg	W. E. Smith	Purvis, R. 1	2	4			29	1,000	1,500
Green's Creek	G. P. Harris	Hattiesburg, R. 5	A. L. Saucier	Hattiesburg, R. 5	8	2	11	1	33	1,025	
Good Hope	J. M. Gibbs	Purvis	J. W. Chatham	Purvis	21	24	2	1	118	1,000	
Helena	John F. Starns	Purvis	W. A. Roberson	Carnes	9	2	6	1	109	2,650	
Hickory Grove	A. A. Bryant	Sanford	A. F. Dossett	Hattiesburg, R. 1	1	5	5	1	52	980	
Hattiesburg	W. F. Yarborough	Hattiesburg	B. H. Schwartz	Hattiesburg, R. 1	28	66	59	3	92	1,000	
First Church	J. E. Wills	Hattiesburg	A. V. Hays	Hattiesburg	11	34	43	4	1,075	50,000	5,000
Main Street	W. S. Allen	Hattiesburg	A. S. Woods	Hattiesburg	20	5			689	40,000	7,500
Immanuel	M. J. Derrick	Hattiesburg	T. B. Grieger	Hattiesburg, R. 5	15				150	7,500	3,000
Fifth Avenue	J. N. Miller	Lumberton	C. F. Roberts	Hattiesburg	47	39	14		176	6,000	
Lumberton	F. H. Bancroft	Clinton	J. N. Estes	Lumberton	53	20	8	1	258	3,500	2,000
McLaurin	A. C. Parker	Hattiesburg	A. J. Merritt	McLaurin	5	2	2	2	88	4,500	100
Macedonia	D. A. Hogan	Purvis	L. C. Singley	Hattiesburg, R. 5	22	4	4	2	156	2,000	
Pierce's Creek	W. B. Holcomb	Hattiesburg	Miss Zuba Pylan	Brooklyn, R. 1	10	18	17	1	25		
Perkinson	J. C. Wells	Perkinson	T. P. Wyatt	Purvis	30	11	11	2	315	5,000	2,000
Petal	R. G. Joiner	Estabuchie	J. C. Herrod	Perkinson	11	24	11	2	96	1,500	
Richburg	T. S. Entekin	Purvis	Bradley Barns	Petal	177				177	1,500	
Red Hill	C. M. Grayson	Magee	J. E. Pearce	Hattiesburg, R. 1	8	1	1		50		
Red Creek	B. S. Hilbun			New Augusta	8	1	2		55	1,000	
Sumrall	B. S. Hilbun	Sumrall	A. T. Schwartz	Sumrall	27	16	19		273	3,800	1,500
Oral	J. E. Barnett	Sumrall	C. B. Clinton	Epley	3	7	3		107	1,000	
Wiggins	J. M. Gibbs	Wiggins	E. A. Jenkins	Wiggins	15	26	9	3	287	1,500	
Zion Hill		Purvis	R. F. Blakeney	Hattiesburg, R. 2	13	11	11		160	2,500	
Clyde			Elvin Williams	Clyde	6	15	19		54	1,400	
Corinth	T. C. Vines	Purvis	C. M. Dyer	Purvis	22				41	1,200	
Central	L. H. Harper	Columbia	W. R. Denis	Rawls Springs	21	11	3		111	600	1,000

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STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 2

Churches	Pastor's Salary	Assistant Pastor's	Repairs and Building	B. Y. P. U.	School Sunday	Ministers	Visiting	Incidentals	Designated	Local Expense	Poor	For Local	Associational	Work, Minister and Clerk	Denomination	Objects, 75-M.	Expenses
Baxterville	\$ 184.35	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$ 30.00	\$ 52.52	\$ 28.42	\$ 275.00	\$			\$1.50	\$1.50	\$161.32	\$377.77	\$377.77
Big Level	242.60		1,516.30										3.00	3.00	48.23	2,166.07	2,166.07
Brooklyn	300.00												4.37	4.37	200.00	504.37	504.37
Bond	240.00	5.00															
Estabachie	43.92																
Catary	120.00	25.00	750.00	3.18	3.18	30.30		2.00					2.16	2.16	32.50	245.00	245.00
Green's Creek	150.72			12.00											145.00	862.06	862.06
Good Hope	150.00		16.00			36.00	47.55	21.50					5.00	5.00	129.50	304.00	304.00
Helena	203.20		2,500.00	33.90	33.90	47.55			84.90				5.00	5.00	84.75	337.22	337.22
Hickory Grove	200.00		91.00	32.80	32.80	97.55		25.40					2.50	2.50	50.00	2,927.60	2,927.60
Hattiesburg—		60.10		40.00									4.20	4.20	10.00	502.45	502.45
First Church	4,000.00	1,068.68	941.79	1,189.68	25.00	534.86	510.75	25.00					20.00	20.00	10,683.38	339.30	339.30
Main Street	2,735.00	375.00	2,938.92	363.28	213.00	753.00	922.98	38.10					10.00	10.00	10,951.85	19,012.24	19,012.24
Immanuel	2,000.00	85.00	100.00	150.00	125.00	150.00	75.00	25.00					7.00	7.00	1,619.00	4,336.00	4,336.00
Fifth Avenue	1,800.00	20.00	621.00	179.66	289.46	38.00	219.58	15.00					4.00	4.00	531.35	3,736.65	3,736.65
Lumberton	800.00	170.10		365.25	347.53	44.60							2.00	2.00	706.80	2,403.28	2,403.28
McLaurin	75.00			18.00	23.50	2.50									125.60	929.40	929.40
Macedonia	442.46		124.50	185.40	25.00	23.44	3.00						3.00	3.00	101.31	1,772.08	1,772.08
Pierce's Creek	60.00			76.25	90.95	11.00	4.65						10.00	10.00	777.23	677.23	677.23
Purvis	720.00	79.00	3.00	118.38	24.00	19.00	84.71	58.61					2.00	2.00	413.42	1,361.68	1,361.68
Perkinston	300.00				21.50								3.00	3.00	605.00	729.50	729.50
Petal	572.27		147.00		35.00	5.00	142.31						5.00	5.00	1,578.41	3,538.88	3,538.88
Richburg	100.00				278.00								8.00	8.00	687.41	1,170.98	1,170.98
Red Hill	250.00				126.69	48.10	195.64						3.00	3.00	1,923.87	4,905.02	4,905.02
Sumrall	1,132.00	60.00	145.00	118.16	80.00	15.00	50.00						7.50	7.50	92.00	1,657.64	1,657.64
Oral	300.00			48.88	119.85		26.00						2.55	2.55		302.85	302.85
Wiggins	1,744.30	108.75	389.00	449.36	50.00								4.50	4.50		103.55	103.55
Zion Hill	419.65		850.00	143.49												715.86	715.86
Clyde	180.00																
Corinth	25.00																
Central	150.00		543.14	13.22													
	\$19,640.47	\$2,006.63	\$11,676.65	\$3,540.89	\$2,317.71	\$1,720.82	\$9,529.21	\$562.62	\$138.18	\$31,683.14	\$75,816.42						

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STATEMENT TABLE NO. 4.

Date	Place	Moderator	Clerk	Membership	Total Contributions
November, 1894	Hattiesburg	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1131	\$ 5,875.15
September, 1895	Poplarville	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1183	3,112.78
September, 1896	Ellisville	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1556	5,360.15
December, 1897	Purvis	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1421	6,345.89
September, 1898	Shady Grove	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1624	7,085.74
September, 1899	Eastabuchie	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1746	10,689.95
August, 1900	Hattiesburg	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1841	18,473.82
August, 1901	Lumberton	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	1909	28,853.31
September, 1902	Laurel	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	2575	17,112.90
September, 1903	McHenry	O. D. Bowen	C. G. Elliott	2761	28,870.32
September, 1904	Ellisville	O. D. Bowen	B. C. Fox	3241	22,237.17
November, 1905	Hattiesburg	O. D. Bowen	W. K. Red	3507	31,407.60
November, 1906	Columbia St.	I. P. Trotter	W. K. Red	3803	33,921.87
November, 1907	Wiggins	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	4150	31,679.96
October, 1908	Poplarville	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	4357	39,696.35
October, 1909	Hattiesburg	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	4845	41,801.37
October, 1910	Immanuel	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	4902	42,697.08
October, 1911	Laurel, West End	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	5229	51,165.06
October, 1912	Hattiesburg	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	5549	52,909.06
October, 1913	First	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	5647	58,340.50
October, 1914	Sumrall	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	6015	42,819.28
October, 1915	Big Level	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	4242	44,457.78
October, 1916	Laurel, Kings	I. P. Trotter	A. L. O'Bryant	4262	48,833.81
October, 1917	Bond	M. P. L. Love	A. L. O'Bryant	4516	49,966.10
October, 1918	Ellisville	M. P. L. Love	A. L. O'Bryant	3868	49,966.10
September, 1916	Hattiesburg	M. P. L. Love	A. L. O'Bryant	4883	65,080.28
September, 1917	Immanuel	M. P. L. Love	A. L. O'Bryant	5078	75,816.42
September, 1918	Sumrall	M. P. L. Love	E. Lightsey		
September, 1919	Wiggins	M. P. L. Love	E. G. Hightower		
September, 1920	Petal	M. P. L. Love	J. L. Johnson		
September, 1921	Zion Hill	M. P. L. Love	J. L. Johnson		
September, 1921	Oral	M. P. L. Love	M. J. Derrick		

SUNDAY SCHOOL STATISTICAL TABLE NO. 3. B. Y. P. U.

Churches	Superintendents	Secretaries	Postoffice	Pupils	Baptisms	Teachers	Officers and Expenses	Presidents	Postoffice
Baxterville	I. G. Courney	Miss R. Rockett	Baxterville	65	7	7	\$		
Big Level	E. C. Summers	Robertia King	Brooklyn	55	7	5			
Brooklyn	T. J. Marshall	Neille Boyenet	Bond	30	5	5			
Estabuchie	I. N. Harrington	Miss E. Mullens	Purvis, R. 1	35	8	8	3.18		
Calvary	E. R. Lokey	Miss Theola Davis	Estabuchie	40	4	5	12.00		
Green's Creek	J. W. Camp			66	3	7			
Good Hope	E. M. Dyer	Julia Phillips	Purvis	132	19	9	33.90		
Helena	A. B. Trasey	W. A. Robinson	Carnes	45	7	7	32.80		
Hickory Grove	W. N. Richardson	Miss B. McCuller		100	8	8	40.00	W. N. Richardson	Hattiesburg, R. 1
Hattiesburg—									
First Church	E. G. Hightower	J. B. Walker	Hattiesburg	799	23	61	1,189.68	Miss M. Caperton	Hattiesburg
Main Street	M. P. L. Love	G. P. Smith	Hattiesburg	553	43	363.28	Chester McMullen	Hattiesburg	
Immanuel	W. M. Jones	Miss R. Johnson	Hattiesburg	340	20	35	159.00	Miss K. Taylor	Hattiesburg
Fifth Avenue	T. B. Geiger	Miss M. Harbers'n	Hattiesburg	230	35	15	179.66	Miss J. McInnis	Hattiesburg, St. B
Lumberton	T. M. Lee	J. L. Rogers	Lumberton	242	40	18	363.25	R. J. Watts	Lumberton
McLaurin									
Macedonia	A. J. Merrett	Flora Merrett	Hattiesburg, R. 5	80	8	9	185.40		
Pierce's Creek	J. L. Fillingame	Miss P. Hogan	Brooklyn, R. 1	25	5	5			
Purvis	T. W. Davis	G. D. Pylant	Purvis	150	9	9	76.25		
Perkinson									
Petal	J. O. McRaney	Sammis Bates	Petal	120	12	9	108.36	Miss M. Granth'm	Hattiesburg, R. 5
Richburg									
Red Hill									
Red Creek									
Sumrall	A. T. Schwartz	W. E. Ellington	Sumrall	198	24	14	118.16	Miss May Watts	Sumrall
Oral	A. C. Hammack	Mrs. H. V. Rogers	Epley	40	3	6	48.8		
Wiggins	L. A. Varnado	Mrs. M. Stewart	Wiggins	168	11	11	449.36		
Zion Hill	W. J. Pack	Mrs. E. H. Barti	Hattiesburg, R. 2	121	13	11	143.3	R. F. Blakeny	Hattiesburg
Clyde	F. L. Rawls		Clyde	60	5	7			
Corinth	C. M. Dyer		Purvis	30					
	W. D. Dyer			109	15	9	13.22	Charles, L. Dyer	Rawls, So

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Lebanon Association, Fifth District.


Number of Churches	23
Number Societies	17
Number Members Reported	326
Subscriptions to Baptist Record	275
Subscriptions to Home and Foreign Field	20
Subscriptions to Royal Service	200

	75-Million Fund	Home Uses	Boxes	Number	Value	Special Objects	Personal Service
Hattiesburg—							
Main Street	\$532.65	\$1,046.23		2	\$ 69.35	\$358.00	\$241.00
Fifth Avenue	134.40	146.50					93.08
First Church	1,975.94	1,549.39					879.77
Purvis	116.00	130.19		2	145.44		66.50
Zion Hill	28.00	184.95		2	59.00		19.43
Immanuel	767.30	576.65			32.75		628.62
Sumrall	522.60	257.25				7.95	268.00
Wiggins	137.50	69.29					43.05
Lumberton	120.75	57.25					11.00
Macedonia							8 00
Petal	43.10						
Brooklyn							10.00
Green's Creek							
Carnes							
Calvary (new)							
Oral							
Hickory Grove		20.00					7.00
Young People's Union	1,003.05	391.84					
	\$6,381.29	\$4,429.54		6	\$906.54	\$365.95	\$2,272.40

Remarks.

Number of Tithers	57
Number of Young Peoples Organizations	24
Number of Mission Study Classes	150
Number of W. M. U.	88

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